

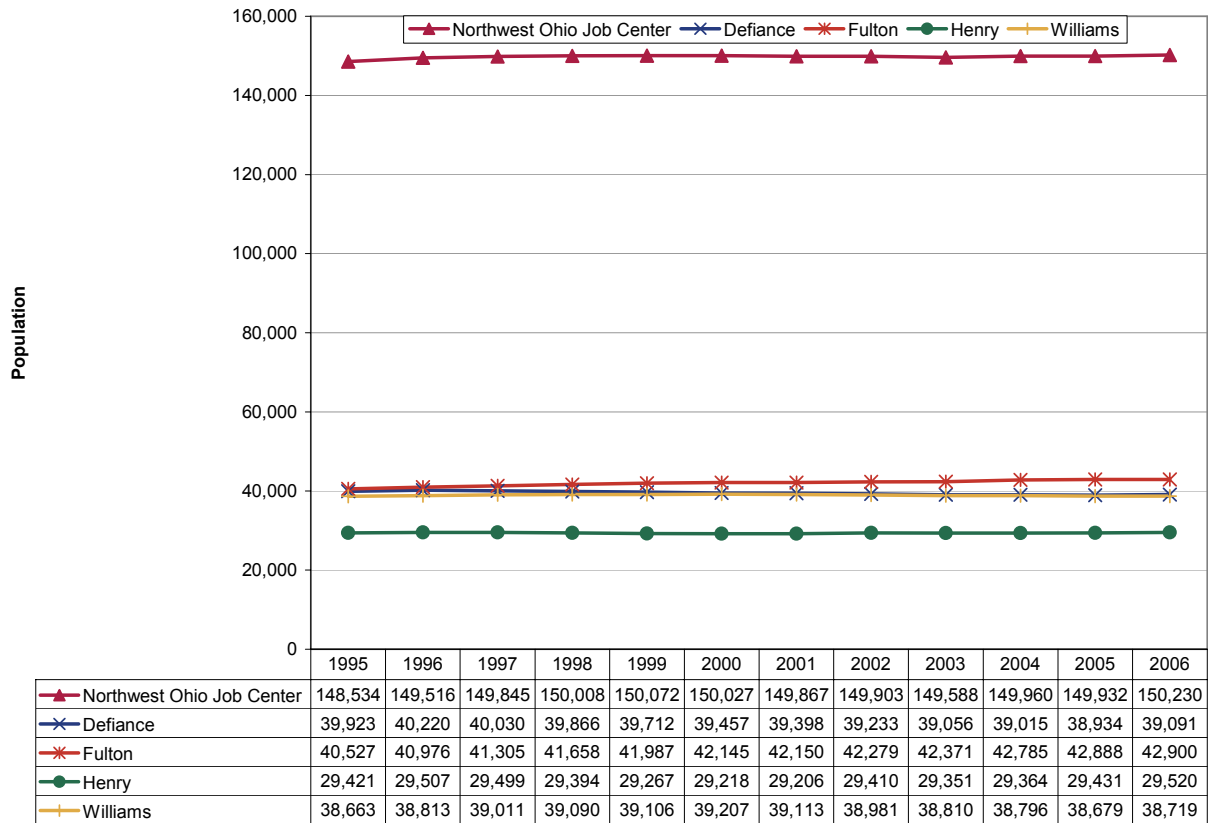
**Updates to Workforce Analysis Reports
Northwest Ohio Job Center
July 2007**

This document contains updates to the Workforce Analysis report for the Northwest Ohio Job Center, published in January 2007. This area includes Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams Counties. For additional information, please see the Technical Notes at the end of this document.

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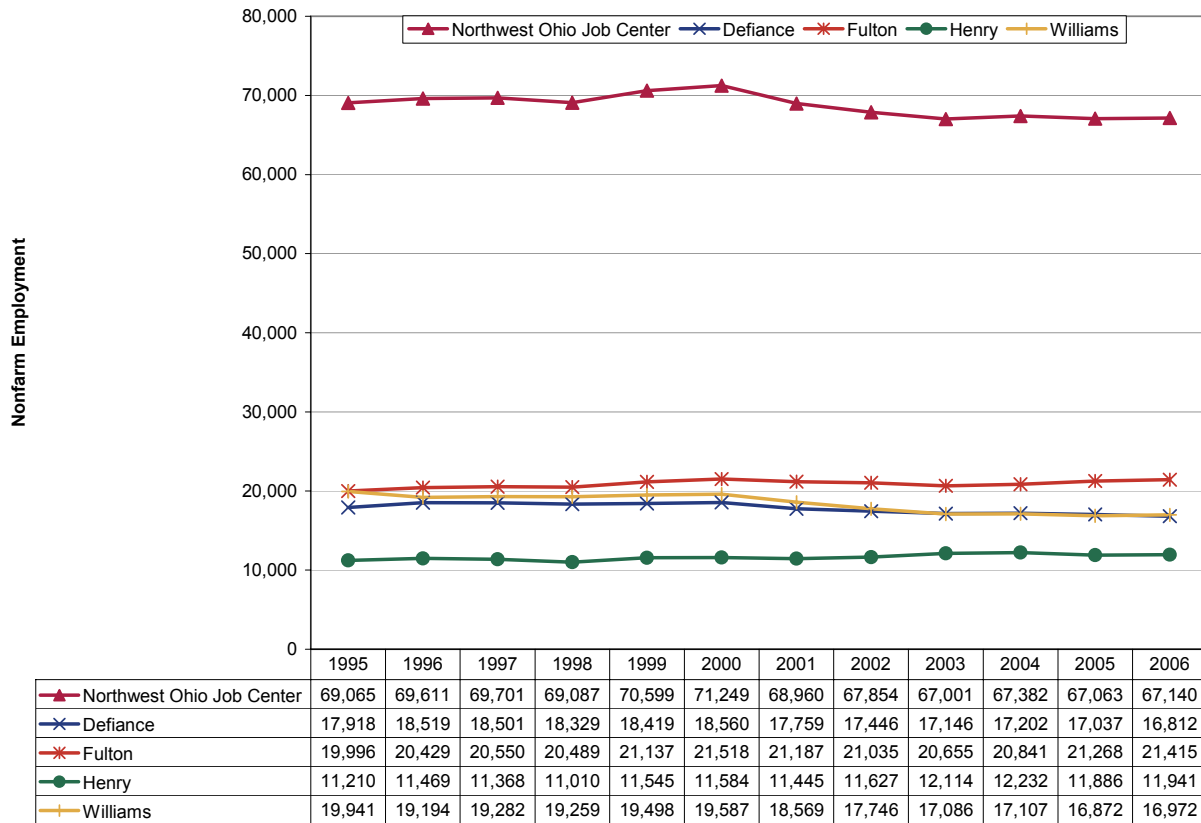
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Population



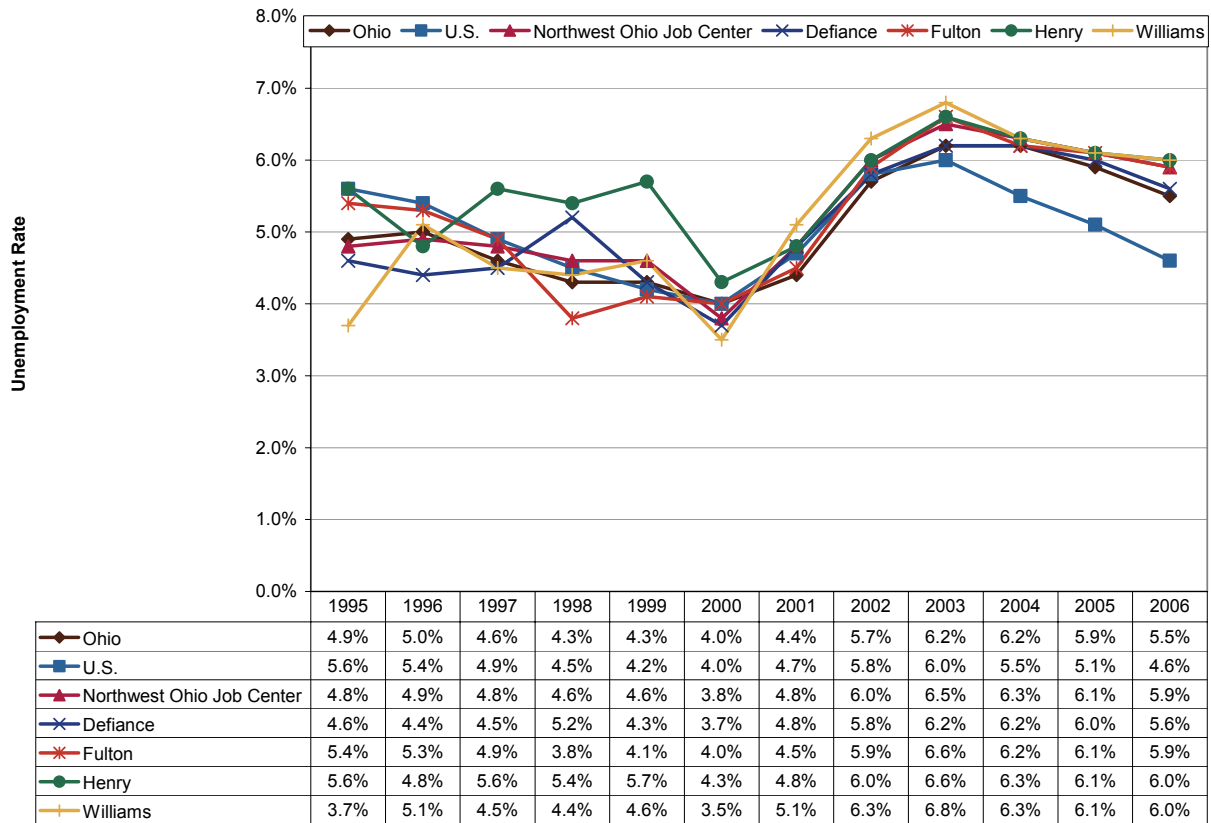
This area's population increased 1.1 percent to 150,230 residents from 1995 to 2006. The strongest growth rate in this area was in Fulton County, part of the Toledo metropolitan area, where population grew by about 2,400 people during this period (5.9%). The only county in this region that lost residents over the period was Defiance County, but it had a slight gain in 2006. By comparison, Ohio's population grew 2.5 percent during this period.

Employment



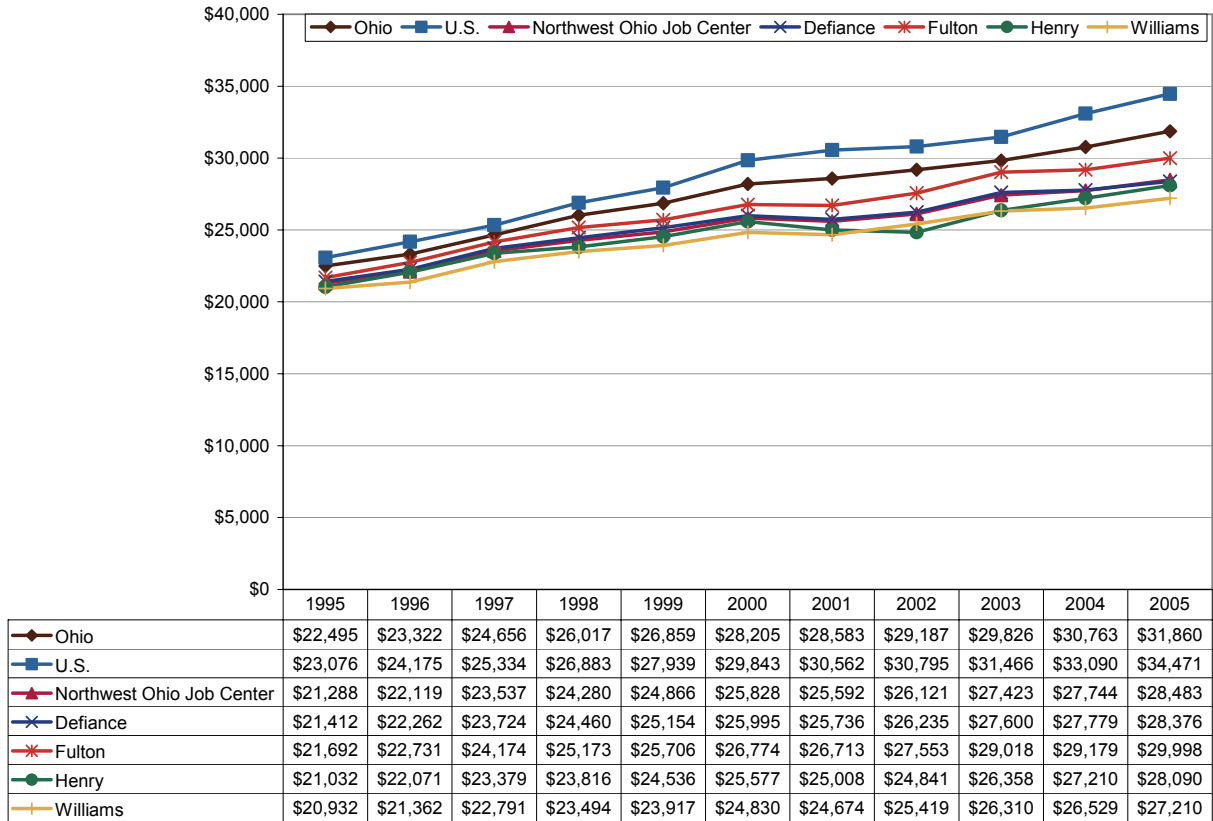
From 2000 to 2006, total nonfarm employment fell 5.8 percent to 67,140 workers in Northwest Ohio. Henry County was the only county in this region to add jobs during this period: 3.1 percent. Williams County had the greatest net job losses during this period: nearly 3,000 workers (-13.4%), but began to recover in 2006. By comparison, Ohio employment fell 3.5 percent from 2000 through 2006 after slight gains since 2003.

Unemployment Rates



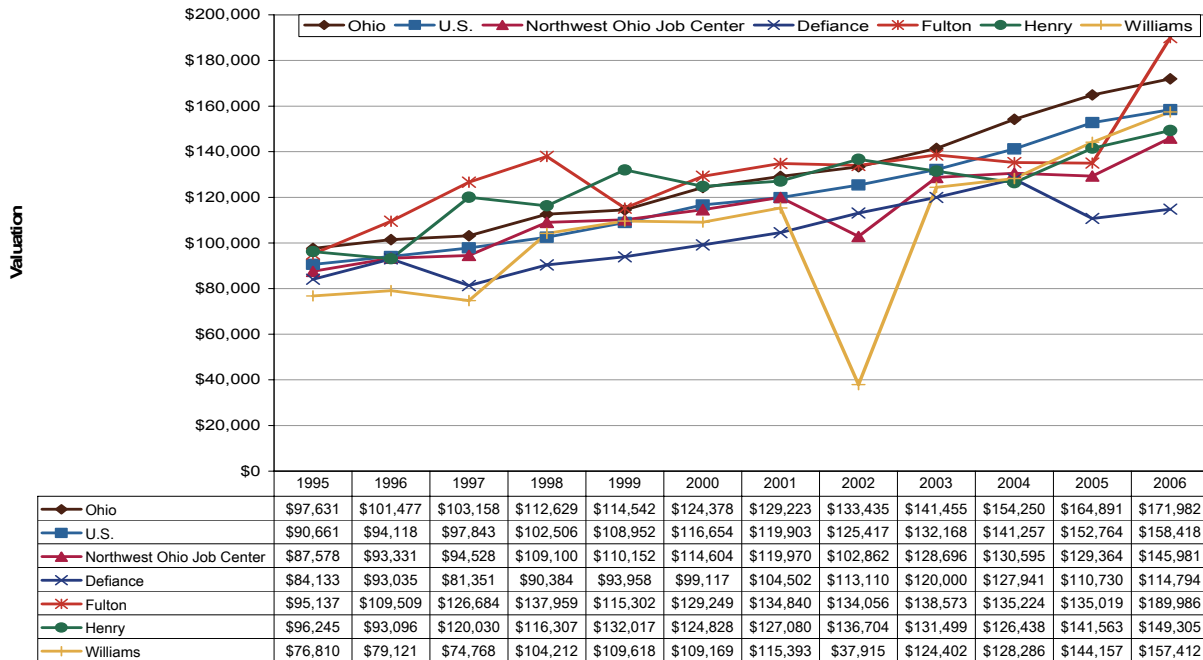
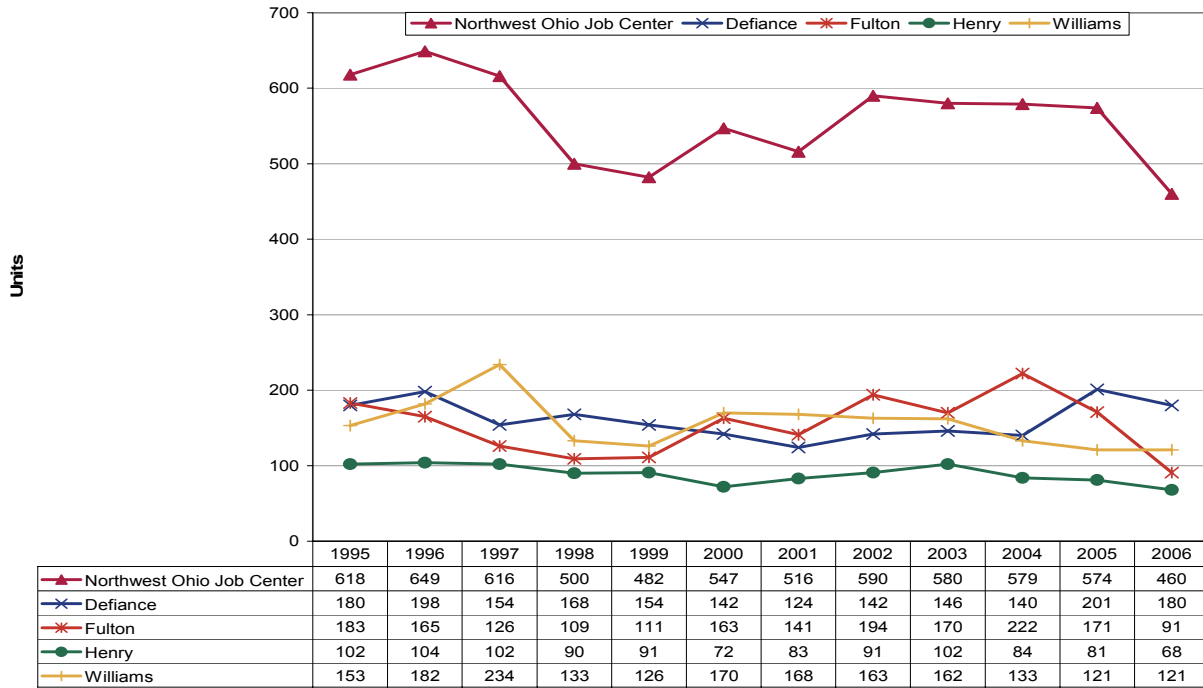
County unemployment rates in this region have been very similar to each other in the last six years. Area unemployment was 5.9 percent in 2006, down 0.6 percentage points from the last peak in 2003, but slightly higher than the statewide rate of 5.5 percent for that year.

Per Capita Income



Per capita income in 2005 was \$28,483, an average annual compound increase of 3.0 percent since 1995. Fulton County, part of the Toledo metropolitan area, had the region's highest per capita incomes during this period, reaching \$29,998 by 2005. Urban areas tend to have higher income levels than rural areas. Fulton County also had the fastest rate of growth during this period: 3.3 percent per year. For comparison, per capita income in Ohio grew 3.5 percent per year during this period while national per capita income grew 4.1 percent.

Residential Building Permits



Residential construction permits have fallen recently in this area, as well as in Ohio and nationally. The four counties in this region generally had similar construction profiles between 1995 and 2006. It is unclear why average valuation in Williams County slumped in 2002; it does not appear to be due to predominance of multi-unit permits which have lower per-unit valuations. Fulton County generally had the most highly-valued units built during this period.

Technical Notes

For a map of Ohio's Workforce Investment system, please visit <http://lmi.state.oh.us/maps/MapofOneStops.htm>.

All population figures are annual estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau, published on the Internet as of May 2007. Analysts at the Ohio Bureau of Labor Market Information (LMI) summed county population to produce totals for local regions. Please visit <http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php> for additional information.

Employment figures are from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and LMI, published on the Internet in 2007. 2006 figures are based on preliminary quarterly data posted on the Labor Market Info Classic site and subject to revision this fall. Federal government employment, which is not covered by Ohio's unemployment compensation system, had inadvertently been omitted from the totals for 1995-1998 in the original report. That has been corrected in this update. In most counties the difference was negligible. Please visit http://lmi.state.oh.us/cep/CEP_NAICS.htm#Publications for additional statistics.

All unemployment figures are annualized, non-seasonally adjusted estimates by the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) Section of LMI, published on the Internet as of May 2007. For additional statistics, please visit <http://lmi.state.oh.us/ASP/LAUS/vbLaus.htm>.

Per capita income figures for counties are in nominal dollars (not adjusted for inflation) and were published April 26, 2007 by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Analysts at LMI calculated income figures for WIAs. For more information, please visit <http://www.bea.gov/regional/index.htm#state>.

Construction data are reported by the U.S. Census Bureau and are available through the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Strategic Research at http://www.odod.state.oh.us/research/Reports_in_population_and_housing-Housing_reports.htm#P6. Analysts at LMI calculated summary data for WIAs. Data are also available at <http://www.census.gov/const/www/permitsindex.html>.